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SUBJ: ROK AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

SUMMARY: RESPONSIBLE MOFA OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF RECENT
AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN ROK CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE
WAS TOO UNWIELDY TO SERVE AS MUCH MORE THAN A MEANS OF
RE-ITERATING ROKG OBJECTIVES TO DIPLOMATS AND THE GENERAL
PUBLIC. END OF SUMMARY

1. MOFA HELD CONFERENCE FOR 22 CHIEFS OF ROK MISSIONS
CONCERNED WITH AFFAIRS IN ABOUT 70 NATIONS OF AFRICA AND
MIDDLE EAST FEBRUARY 7-12 IN SEOUL. PRIMEN CH-OE KYU-HA
AND FOMIN PAK TONG-CHIN OPENED CONFERENCE URGING RENEWED
EFFORTS IN ROK COMPETITION WITH NORTH KOREA FOR SUPPORT IN
THE U.N., AND IN ROK'S LONGER TERM OBJECTIVES OF PROMOTING
FREINDLY TIES AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. MISSION CHIEFS
PASSED FOUR-POINT RESOLUTION AT CONFERENCE CLOSE
PROMISING SUCCESS. PRESIDENT PAK CHONG-HUI HOSTED
RECEPTION AND DINNER FEBRUARY 11.

2. ROK PRESS PLAY WAS HEAVY, SUSTAINED, AND UPBEAT. ALL
PAPERS LED WITH PRIMIN'S AND FONMIN'S PATROTIC EXHORTATIONS.

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CONFERENCE GENERATED SOME ROUTINE EDITORIALS AND ACCOUNTS OF
FOUR-POINT RESOLUTION. INTERVIEW WITH
SOME OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATS
POSTED TO SIERRA LEONE, GABON, EGYPT AND ZAIRE ALSO
APPEARED IN PRESS.

3. MOFA EAST AFRICA DIVISION CHIEF HAN SOK-CHIN TOLD

EMBOFF MARCH 3 THAT CONFERENCE'S SWEEPING SCOPE REQUIRED
MOSTLY SUPERFICIAL CONSIDERATION OF ROK DIPLOMACY. HAN
SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SOME INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS WERE REPORTED,
INCLUDING ZAIRE AMBASSADOR SIN KI-HUM'S RECENT FAILURE TO
ENTER BURUNDI IN ATTEMPTS AT RE-ESTABLISHING CONTACTS
THERE, DIPLOMATS WERE MOSTLY SIMPLY REMINDED OF ESTABLISHED
ROK OBJECTIVES AND URGED TO WORK HARD.
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